

Scope of Practice Information Form

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) developed this form to collect information on the unauthorized practice of veterinary medicine and other practices, (e.g. alternative therapies, teeth floating, reproductive management) by **non-veterinarians** that may be harmful to animals. The ultimate goal of collecting this information is to provide better care for animals by preventing treatment by individuals who are not licensed or trained in animal care. The information will be used solely to provide quantitative data to legislative and regulatory bodies that such practices are occurring and that animals are being harmed as a result. The AVMA recognizes the confidential relationship between veterinarians and their patients and encourages its members to comply with the Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics and all applicable laws concerning the confidentiality of patient records. Likewise, the AVMA will keep the names of the veterinarian(s) completing this form and patient names confidential, and will not share these names with anyone, including legislators and regulators, absent a lawful order such as a subpoena.

The AVMA is not a regulatory body, does not have the authority to take legal action against individuals who engage in the unauthorized practice of veterinary medicine, and will not investigate incidents reported on this form. Because the AVMA will not use this information to file complaints, it does encourage its members who witness a violation of law to report that incident to the appropriate authorities in their state.

Today's date: _____

Name of reporting veterinarian: _____

Reporting clinic name and address: _____

State of occurrence: _____ Date of occurrence: _____

Description of the unauthorized practice of veterinary medicine or other practice by nonveterinarians and any resulting harm (Attach another sheet if necessary):

Was a complaint made to state or local authorities? Yes No

Please click the download button, attach, and send this completed form by email to avmastateleg@avma.org. You may also download and fax the form to 847-925-1329, or mail a copy to Tara Southwell, Communications, 1931 N. Meacham Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173. For assistance, please call 847-285-6779.

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